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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to participating in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Olden C. Foster, Jr., 33, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this afternoon to a four-count indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 16, 2003.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Foster** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine in Jackson County, Mo., from Jan. 1, 1999, to Nov. 13, 2002. **Foster** also admitted to distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine on three separate occasions from Oct. 17, 2002, to Nov. 7, 2002.

Under federal statutes, **Foster** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole up to life imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$6 million. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Candace Cole. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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